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SUBJECT: LEFEVRE DETENTION - AIIC'S N 450,000 LOAN TO EGBE COMPANY

1. SEPTTEL REPORTS LEFEVRE AND AIIC LAWYER FRED EGBE BEING ARRAIGNED ON QUOTE CONSPIRACY TO STEAL UNQUOTE CHARGE RELATED TO N 450,000 LOAN MADE BY AIIC TO NIGERIAN BUILDING COMPANY. SINCE LE FEVRE'S REPLACEMENT RITTER HAS BEEN IN NIGERIA FOR LESS THAN TWO WEEKS, HE WAS ABLE ONLY TO PROVIDE FOLLOWING SKETCHY DETAILS ON LOAN.

2. AIIC AGREED TO LOAN N 450,000 TO LOCAL BUILDING COMPANY TO BUY PROPERTY.
NAME OF COMPANY SO FAR NOT KNOWN. EGBE AS AIIC'S ESCROW OFFICER
AND ATTORNEY SET UP ASCROW ACCOUNT FOR ENTIRE N 450,000 PENDING COMPANY'S FULFILLMENT OF LOAN COLLATERAL CONDITIONS.
ENTIRE N 450,000 RESTING IN LOCAL BANK ACCOUNT DRAWING INTEREST.

3. PROBLEM STEMS FROM FACT THAT AGBE IS ALSO A SHAREHOLDER IN LOCAL BUILDING COMPANY THUS RAISING POSSIBILITY OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST. EMBASSY ASSUMES QUOTE CONSPIRACY UNQUOTE CHARGE BASED ON IGBE'S DOUBLE ROLE AND LEFEVRE'S APPROVING LOAN UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION WHEN AVAILABLE.
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